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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s) : BARBERIS et al.  
Serial No. : To Be Assigned  
Filed : Herewith  
For : A METHOD OF FABRICATING A ZIRCONIUM  
ALLOY FLAT PRODUCT, A PRODUCT AS  
OBTAINED THEREBY, AND A FUEL ASSEMBLY  
ELEMENT FOR A POWER STATION NUCLEAR  
REACTOR MADE FROM SAID FLAT PRODUCT  
Examiner : To Be Assigned  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-captioned application before  
examination, as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification  
(including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is  
respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be  
entered to replace the Specification of record.

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